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Setting up of KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) located in the country and the major activities undertaken by them during the last three years and the current year in various States of the country including the North Eastern States;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals from various States including Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during the current year for setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any review on functioning of present KVKs in the country if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof indicating the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the KVKs of various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) There are 645 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the country. The State/UT-wise number of KVKs are given in Annexure-I. The State-wise details of major activities undertaken by these KVKs including the North Eastern States during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): During the 12th Plan Government has approved for setting up of 106 more KVKs in various States including Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The State-wise status of the proposals for setting up of new KVKs in the approved districts is given in Annexure-III.

(d) The functioning of KVKs in the country are regularly reviewed by holding of Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings, Annual State and Zonal Workshops, Annual National Conference and Activity Specific Training-cum-Workshops; site visits by the Officers of Agricultural Technology Application Research Application (ATARIs), Directorates of Extension of Agricultural Universities and ICAR Headquarters; holding of linkage and convergence meetings /discussions and review by Quinquennial Review Teams (QRTs). The outcome of review activities undertaken includes development and execution of improved and need based annual action plans; compilation of technology inventories, preparation of technology manuals, books, bulletins and extension literature in print and electronic form; development and organization of programmes for capacity building and technology backstopping; human resource development and knowledge empowerment; and sharing of innovative models and experiences of technology application mechanisms.

(e) In order to strengthen Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the XII Plan, Government has approved additional facilities in selected KVKs in different States such as Rain Water Harvesting Structure with Micro Irrigation System, Soil and Water Testing facility, Minimal Processing facility, Carp Hatchery facility, Integrated Farming System (IFS), Technology Information Unit, Mini Seed Processing facility, Micro Nutrient Analysis facility to make KVKs more relevant and progressive in providing information to farmers.
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